

PENDING CLAIMS

1. (Previously Presented): A method of standardizing character information in electronic documents comprising the steps of:

comparing character information including character code and font information for each character used in an electronic document to character information within a target replacement font set in order to automatically generate a comparison table for use during actual character information replacement;

presenting said comparison table to a user;

said user amending errors in said comparison table; and

actually replacing said character information including character code and font information used in said electronic document based on said comparison table as amended.

2. (Previously Presented): The method of standardizing character information in electronic documents of claim 1, wherein said step of comparing further comprises:

inputting an electronic source document;

inputting a font set used in said electronic source document;

inputting a target standardization font set;

inputting a comparison table made in a previous conversion;

inputting font object information to describe a rule set to limit objects of character comparison and a rule set related to mapping for each kanji radical; and

outputting a comparison table candidate list.

3. (Previously Presented): The method of standardizing character information in electronic documents of claim 2, further comprising the step of:

outputting weighting information regarding mapping between similar character codes as a reference file.

4. (Previously Presented): The method of standardizing character information in electronic documents of claim 2, wherein said comparison table candidate list takes as

elements groups comprising one character code within a source font and a plurality of character codes within a target font compatible with said source font.

5. (Previously Presented): The method of standardizing character information in electronic documents of claim 4, further comprising adding priority level information for said plurality of character codes within said target font.

6. (Previously Presented): The method of standardizing character information in electronic documents of claim 1, wherein the comparison table is a list taking as elements a corresponding relationship between a group of a source font set and character code within this source font set and a group of a target font set and character code within this target font set.

7. (Original): The method of standardizing character information in electronic documents of claim 1, wherein said step of comparing is carried out automatically using Optical Character Recognition (OCR) technology.

8. (Previously Presented): The method of standardizing character information in electronic documents of claim 1, wherein said step of amending error in said comparison table further comprises the steps of:

displaying a candidate list for the comparison table for every entry; and
said user selecting one character code from said candidate list.

9. (Previously Presented): The method of standardizing character information in electronic documents of claim 1, wherein a comparison table and a rule set describing a structure of a source electronic document are input and standardization of fonts and character code used in said source electronic document are carried out in said step of replacing said character information.

10. (Previously Presented): The method of standardizing character information in electronic documents of claim 1, wherein said font set to be provided as a replacement font is a font with Unicode encoding.